(c) the steps taken to ensure that unclaimed money is neither misused nor disbursed to wrongful claimants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) As per balance sheet of Employees' provident fund organization for the financial year 2007-2008 (un-audited), there is a total amount of Rs.3837.70 crores in the Inoperative Account. The claims of inoperative account holders are settled by taking all measures prescribed in the Manual of procedures to avoid misuse or wrongful disbursement.

New ITIs to minority concentrated areas in Kerala

1031. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for initiating new ITIs in the Minority (Muslims) concentrated blocks in Kerala, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the competent authority of Kerala had represented to DGE and T to sanction above new ITIs in English/ Malayalam medium considering the peculiar situation prevailed in the State;

(c) if so, the status of above representation;

(d) whether the above representation will be considered in affirmative; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Opening of new ITIs and administration of existing ITIs is under the control of State Government. However, Central Government has decided to set up 1500 new ITIs in Public Private Partnership mode during Eleventh Plan in unserviced blocks of the country.

(b) to (e) No such proposal has been received in the DGE and T. However, State Governments are competent to open ITIs in their jurisdiction in any medium of instruction prescribed in Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

Insurance for construction workers

1032. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing insurance for construction workers;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;

(c) the role of State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if not, by when such a proposal will come into force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The government has decided to extend Rashtriya